

DISTRICT ORDERLY. H. E. DAVIS ASSERTS

Pleads At Dry Bill Hearing for
Referendum on Subject in
District.

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that it would not be a radical proceeding were Congress to authorize a referendum here on the liquor question.

Referendums Allowed.

On several occasions, he said, Congress had permitted referendums on matters of more or less importance. He cited the following instances: A referendum on the bond issue under a territorial form of government, which bonds were authorized and funded into the existing 2.55 bonds which the District of Columbia is paying today. Chairman Johnson brought out the fact that these bonds had been voted, and Mr. Davis, who had overlooked this particular vote, recalled it.

In 1857, said Mr. Davis, the people of the District of Columbia voted on a referendum on the subject of annexation. This vote was prepared by two persons named by the President, and Congress specifically delegated to the people here approval or rejection of the vote. The vote was rejected and was, therefore, never made law in consequence.

Used for Retrocession.

Another referendum cited by Mr. Davis was the retrocession act of 1846, when the people residing in that part of the District which had been ceded by Virginia voted to go back to Virginia and get from under the Federal jurisdiction.

"In this case," said Mr. Davis, "Congress actually gave to the people a right to make a law. It left solely to the voters the question of whether they would return to the jurisdiction of Virginia and they did."

Chairman Johnson asked if former President Taft and Hanna Taylor had not questioned the constitutionality of the act of retrocession. Mr. Davis said he did not believe Mr. Taylor so held, but that with all due deference to these former officials and lawyers he believed the act of retrocession to be entirely constitutional.

Mr. Davis quoted President Monroe's statement that the inhabitants of the District of Columbia occupied an "anomalous position" by reason of the fact that they were deprived of a vote and subject to law in which they had no voice.

Discusses D. C. History.

"President Monroe's observations on this point," said Mr. Davis, "are threaded with the history of the District of Columbia. They finally grew into a sentiment that brought about a territorial form of government here in 1871. It is not the fault of the people of this community that this government was administered that it was lost. It is not necessary that I should discuss here the administration of that territorial form of government. That it was lost was due to those who administered it; not the people."

"By the same token that Congress gave the District a territorial form of government then it may order a referendum on any question now. The power of Congress is absolute. We need not read the Constitution and, in addition, the grant ofcession by which the State of Maryland turned over certain territory to the Federal Government. Congress has exclusive legislative jurisdiction and can with every propriety provide for a referendum."

Would Allow Full Suffrage.

Mr. Davis was asked "who would vote?"

"Speaking for myself," he said, "I would not make any discrimination in the community. I would permit every inhabitant, male and female, over the age of twenty-one years, to vote. I would require one year's residence. I would include Government employees, for they are inhabitants of the District. There is no such thing as a citizen of the District. I would frame the legislation so that an inhabitant voting here would not be disqualified in the State from which he comes."

Prohibition legislation with a referendum, Mr. Davis argued, would result in forcing legislation upon 400,000 persons who have a right to say how a matter so vitally affecting their civil life shall be decided.

Would Leave Form to Congress.

William F. Gude, president of the District of Columbia Referendum Association, spoke briefly in favor of a referendum. Mr. Gude said he did not appear as the advocate of referendum, but he insisted Congress should work on a plan to permit the residents of Washington to record themselves.

"Are you in favor of what is known as the Underwood referendum amendment which was offered in the Senate?" asked Chairman Johnson.

"I am not thoroughly familiar with it," said Mr. Gude. "I came here merely to ask that some form of referendum be given before this legislation is attempted."

No Objection to Suffrage.

Mr. Gude was asked if he would permit women to vote. He said that he had no objection to woman suffrage in the District on this issue.

"You entertain no opinion as to whom the right to vote shall be extended?"

"No, I am here to ask for a referendum."

"Would you restrict it to property owners, as suggested in the referendum offered in the Senate?"

"I do not think that would be fair. There are rent payers who are just as capable of voting as property owners."

Mr. Gude said the committee in its wisdom could work out a just referendum plan, and his appearance was solely to record the views of his association and District citizens that no drastic prohibition action should be without a popular vote.

Referendum advocates will go on again tomorrow when the hearings are resumed.

REBUILDING EAST PRUSSIA

11,000 Out of 30,000 Destroyed
Houses Restored.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Reconstruction work in East Prussia has made marked progress, says an Overseas News Agency announcement today.

"According to official statistics," it is stated, "11,000 buildings out of 30,000 destroyed by the Russians have been completely rebuilt."

BAHAMA VISITORS SCARED

Raid Brings Winter Tourist Season
to Close.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The German sea-raiding activities in the Southern Atlantic have terminated abruptly the winter resort season in the Bahamas Islands, according to persons who arrived here today on the steamship Morro Castle.

Hotels have closed because the British authorities ordered lights out at night, passengers said, and hundreds of tourists have fled from the islands, causing the business places they patronize to close.

SUFFRAGE PICKETS SHOW NEW BANNER

Plea for Franchise as Result of
Action of President on
Porto Rico.

A new banner appeared on the suffrage picket line at the White House gates today. It referred to the President's support of the bill enfranchising Porto Ricans, and inquired how much longer must women of America wait for the vote.

The banner read: "After the civil war, women asked for political freedom. The answer was to wait—this was 'the negro's hour.' In 1917 American women still ask for freedom. Will you, Mr. President, still tell them to wait—that this is 'the Porto Rican hour'?"

Lincoln Banner.

Yesterday Lincoln's Birthday anniversary was commemorated by this slogan: "Lincoln stood for woman suffrage sixty years ago. Mr. President, you block the nation's suffrage amendment today. Why are you behind Lincoln?"

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Chairmen Named.

District members of the union will take a prominent part in this demonstration. Those named as chairmen for the various picket squads are: Socialists, Mrs. Louise Cohen, District of Columbia; lawyers, Mrs. Edith Newman; physicians, Dr. Martha Burritt; dentists, Dr. Nellie Collins Smith; Congressionalists, Mrs. Abby Scott Baker; business women, Mrs. Elizabeth Ford; stenographers, Miss Esther Rosenfeld; Macabreans, Mrs. Mabel La Rue; musicians, Mrs. W. J. McGee; District of Columbia women, Mrs. W. Thompson Burch; artists, Mrs. Nina E. Allender; journalists, Miss E. Hall; writers, Mrs. John Jay White.

SHIP IN AFTER 76 DAYS

Held Up At Gibraltar and Azores
By Entente.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Seventy-six days after her departure from Piræus, Greece, the Greek liner Patria arrived here today, the first passenger steamer from that country to reach this port for a long time.

The lengthy passage was due to her being held up at Gibraltar and the Azores by order of the entente pending the settlement of the strained relations with Greece, the agents here said. She carried 564 passengers.

BY GOSH.

A party of engineers were tracing a township line across some farm lands in Illinois. As chance would have it, the line passed directly through a large barn having double doors on each side of it, and they found they could continue their measurements through the barn by opening the doors and thus avoiding the dreaded detour. The owner watched their progress with considerable interest, but made no comment until they had reached the farther side of the barn, when he asked:

"Certainly," replied the chief, with a humorous twinkle in his eye.

The farmer meditated a bit as he closed the barn doors behind them, when he remarked somewhat aggressively: "I ain't got no objections ter havin' er railroad on my farm, but I'll be darned ef I'm going ter open and shut them doors for your train to go through."—Youth's Companion.

COST OF CULTURE.

The college freshman year was proving very expensive to father, so father decided to have a "heart-to-heart" talk with Charles, home for the week.

"Now, son," said he gravely, but affectionately, "your mother and I are spending just as little as we possibly can. I get up in the morning at 6:30 and I work until after 5. But, son, the money just won't go round at the rate your expenses are running. What do you think we had better do?"

"For a moment Charles' head was buried in thought, and then he replied: "Well, father, I don't see any way out but for you to work nights."—Philadelphia Ledger.

ABSENT-MINDED.

Ira E. Guthrie, secretary of the Interstate Public Service Company, was riding in his office on an Indianapolis street car the other day when the driver of a small car speeded out of a cross street and struck the street car squarely amidship. The street car conductor got off to investigate and collect evidence for his official report.

"What's the matter with you?" the conductor asked the driver. "Don't you know you can't run under that car with your top on?"—Indianapolis News.

IGNORANT RICH.

"I understand your husband has equipped his factory with a pulmotor, Mrs. Nurich."

"Well, I suppose he had to; they handle so much heavy freight, don't they?"

DEMOCRATS READY FOR REVENUE BILL

Ways Will Soon Be Cleared for
Measure, But Fight
Is Expected.

The ways will soon be cleared for consideration of the revenue bill in the Senate.

When the bill comes up for consideration, there will develop one of the most interesting fights and debates of the session.

Controversy is strewn thick over the bill. The Underwood amendment for a 2-cent tax on oleo, the excess profits tax, the bond issue, and various other features are causing difference of opinion.

Fate of the oleo amendment is uncertain because part of the Democrats are not pledged by caucus to support it. They are bound to the rest of the bill.

The high cost of living will be a factor in the discussion of the Underwood amendment and has resulted in giving it much support. Demand is widespread that the country be relieved from exorbitant prices for butter and that oleo be reduced in price, as it would be if the 10-cent tax on colored oleo were abolished.

Probabilities are a number of days will be required to pass the bill. The Democratic leaders realize the necessity of hurrying it.

The Finance Committee has voted approval of the bill and Chairman Simmons will bring it up for consideration as soon as possible. Republicans on the Finance Committee have not been allowed to have a hand in shaping the measure.

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DEATHS

LOWE—On Monday, February 12, 1917, at 610 P. M. ROBERT V. Lowe, beloved husband of Jennie E. Lowe, at his residence, 1231 Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

SAUNDERS—Suddenly, on Sunday, February 11, 1917, CATHERINE E. SAUNDERS. Funeral from F. A. Speare Sons' funeral parlor, 1208 H street northwest, on Wednesday, February 14, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

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James A. and Bertha R. Reeves, girl.
Abraham and Helen Raport, girl.
Nathan H. and Nellie E. Roberts, boy.
Alfred V. and Eleanor Myers, girl.
Charles A. and Ruth M. Perkins, boy.
Owen E. and Margaret E. Lange, boy.
John P. and Emma L. Egan, boy.
Edward W. and Lucy E. Deane, boy.
Jerrold and Lucy Morgan, boy.
John L. and Helen Jones, boy.
Joseph and Beulah Egan, girl.

Marriage Licenses.
Joseph W. Thompson and Mary Timburs, both of this city.
James T. Mills and Hattie Wilson, both of this city.
Alfred Nichols and Josephine Sapientis, both of this city.
Arthur K. Kepner and Lida M. Pollard, both of this city.
Charles A. and Ruth M. Perkins, boy.
William Mercer and Annie Wright, both of this city.
James P. and Edna A. Berwick, girl.
Joseph R. Harris and Pearl Cheatham, both of this city.
Charles S. and Beulah E. Deane, both of this city.
Cornelius J. Peterson and Marion S. Du Paul, both of this city.
Raymond W. Woodward and Ernestine A. Spiker, both of this city.

Deaths.
Sarah P. Glasick, 64 years, 805 5th st., Takoma Park, D. C.
James E. Morris, 75 years, 127 25th N. W. Eleanor Flaherty, 6 years, 2334 M. N. W. Benjamin F. Riley, 75 years, 146 11th N. E. John W. Deane, 64 years, 444 Washington University Hospital.
Benjamin J. Roberts, 19 years, Walter Reed General Hospital.
Joseph Dowell, 41 years, Emergency Hosp.
Joseph K. Behrend, 58 years, Corcoran Art Studio.
Ralph H. Stannell, 34 years, 708 19th N. W. Margaret S. Reynolds, 52 years, 1724 3rd St. N. W. David J. Davis, 73 years, 2441 North Capitol st.
Mary M. Taylor, 58 years, St. Elizabeth's Hospital.
Wallace S. Stanton, 47 years, Garfield Hos. William H. Hayden, 82 years, Emergency Hospital.
Charles W. Davis, 8 years, 1315 1/2 st. S. W. Charles W. Davis, 2 years, Blue Plains, D. C.
Lillian S. Moore, 22 years, 415 A St. S. E. Robert E. Smith, 75 years, 2907 P St. William H. M. Snyder, 47 years, St. Elizabeth's Hospital.
Annie Carter, 32 years, 322 3rd St. S. W. Catherine Galtier, 1 month, 1114 Minnesota Ave. N. W. John W. Deane, 64 years, 444 Washington University Hospital.
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